

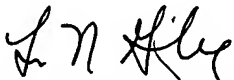
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed **02/21/2006**. In response thereto, the specification has been amended to provide updated status information. Furthermore, terminal disclaimers have been proffered to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and remarks, it is respectfully urged that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action as well as passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any further questions, or believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to the advancement of the prosecution of the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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